

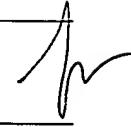


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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	09/963,244	SCHULTZ ET AL. 
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

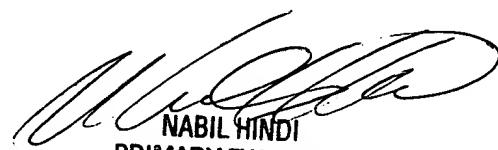
Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ohara et al (6097683).

Each of the independent claims is drawn to an alternative limitation "one or more of". Thus only one of the limitations is to be shown in order to meet the claimed invention. The independent claim merely read on reading the medium and if an error has occurred than the error location is stored in a primary or secondary defective lists. Such limitation is inherently present in every optical disk media having a PDL and SDL storing the location of the defective segments on the disk. The claims also read on re-recording the data on a different location if an error has occurred based on the well-established "skipping method" or the "replacement method". The reference shows an optical disk defective management apparatus comprising an optical head for reading the data on an optical medium where data is recorded, taking a corrective action if defective data is encountered by verifying the recorded data be re-recording the data on a different area of the disk column 15 lines 35-40. regarding claim 22., the limitation "front end" and "back end" processors are merely programs to control the corrective steps when an error has occurred and since the reference shows a corrective steps meeting the claimed limitations. Such limitations are present.

With respect to the limitations of the dependent claims. See fig 8 steps ST7-ST10 showing the "threshold" within a predetermined range.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. 5418767; 6621782 and 6049515

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to NABIL Z HINDI at telephone number (703) 308-1555.



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